

2701 Spence Pl, Knoxville, TN

District: 240
Occurred: 06/18/2019 20:54 – 06/19/2019 20:00
Reported: 06/20/2019 10:19
Approved: 06/20/2019 11:28
☒ Complainant wishes to prosecute

Lat./Long.: 35.961616, -83.874649
Arrived: 06/18/2019 20:54

Approved By: s Shaffer
Memo Routing:
How Call Received: CAD Number: 19-025257
How Call Received: 911
Lighting Conditions: Dark
Weather: Rain
Involved Officer(s) shooting at suspect: No
Is the number of suspects known?: No (no information/video)

Officer	Involvement	Employee #	Car #
Sammy Shaffer	Reporting		

Offense

Description: [REDACTED]
Reported: [REDACTED]

Status: Completed
Location of Offense: Air/Bus/Train Terminal
Location of Offense: Lake/Waterway
Gang Activity: None/Unknown
Type of Gang: Not Applicable/Unknown
Offender(s) Suspected of Using: Unknown/None of above
Drug Related: No

Victim & Complainant

Name: **Odendaal, Martin J**
SSN: [REDACTED]
Home Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]
Pager: [REDACTED]
Sex: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]
Hair Color: [REDACTED]
Ethnic: [REDACTED]
Gang Affiliation: [REDACTED]
Occupation: [REDACTED]
Work Phone: [REDACTED]
Victim Type: Individual
Related Offenses: [REDACTED]
Reported: [REDACTED]

Alias: [REDACTED]
Driver's License: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]
Race: [REDACTED]
Marital Status: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED]
Eye Color: [REDACTED]
Language: [REDACTED]

SMT & Additional
Information:

Employer: [REDACTED]
Work Address: [REDACTED]
City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]
LEOKA Type: [REDACTED]
LEOKA Activity: [REDACTED]
LEOKA Assignment: [REDACTED]
LEOKA Other Agency: [REDACTED]
Gang Member Identifiers: Not Applicable
Resident of jurisdiction: No
College student in this county: No/Unknown
Offense occurred on campus: No

Property

Item Type:
Brand: Flightstar Fc2
Serial No.:
Caliber:
Quantity: 1 Unit
Status: Destroyed/Damaged
Description: Blue and white tail number N354AR
Insurance Co.:
Recovered:
Related Offense: [REDACTED]
Owner: Odendaal, Martin J
Race: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Reported: [REDACTED]

Property Class: Aircraft
Model:
OAN:
Color:
Value: [REDACTED]
Evidence No.:

Insurance Phone:
Recovery Address:
City/State/Zip:
SSN:
Sex: [REDACTED]
Address:
City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

Narrative/Case Notes

Reported: 06/18/2019 20:54

Reported By Sammy Shaffer

Narrative: On 06/18/2019 at 20:54 hours, Lt. Sammy Shaffer (1803) responded to a All Other Offenses at 2701 Spence Place, Island Home Airport. Officers had been dispatched to a report of a plane that crashed into the river near the airport. The pilot (and only occupant) has swam to shore and flagged someone down to call for help. He claimed not to be injured. There were also independent witnesses calling 911 that saw the plane flying low toward the water. Officers made contact with the pilot at the old General Shale Brick facility on Riverside Drive. He walked officers east along the railroad to show them where he had crashed into the water. He identified a place just east of the water intake facility on the river and about 50 yards off shore.

When I arrived, I spoke with the Pilot/Victim Mr. Martin Odendaal. He is also the owner of the aircraft, a Flightstar FC2. He told me that he was flying west over the river on his way to Sky Ranch Airport when his engine quit. He turned in an effort to make it to Island Home Airport, but after realizing he was not going to make it, flew closer to shore and landed in the water. He then swam to shore as the aircraft sank out of his view.

I made all necessary contacts to local and federal aviation resources. Emergency service boats search the water until about 11pm looking for the aircraft but nothing was found.

The next day (Wednesday June 19) KPD with the TWRA and Knox County Sheriff's boats return to continue the search for the aircraft utilizing onboard sonar. An object thought to be the aircraft was located down stream from the original location. At about 1pm same day, members of the Blount Special Operations Response Team responded with an underwater video camera to confirm the object was the aircraft, and it was. Later, about 4pm, BSORT divers made personal contact with the object and confirmed it to be the aircraft in question by verification of the tail number. The assigned FAA Investigator was notified we had a positive identification and location. He then released the aircraft to be recovered, and he would be coming to Knoxville the next day to inspect the aircraft.

The owner worked personally with BSORT to recover the aircraft and KPD remained on site to assist with keeping other boat traffic clear of their operation. At about 7:15pm, the plane was towed from the water onto the boat ramp at Ned McWherter Park. All information pertaining to this incident was turned over to FAA Investigator [REDACTED]